

### AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS:

Figure 1 illustrates an embodiment of extractive rectification as described in WO 02/074718;

Figure 2 illustrates an embodiment which is a practice of this invention;

Figure 3 illustrates an embodiment of this invention which is similar to Figure 2, but also includes the utilization of a stripper;

Figure 4 illustrates an embodiment of this invention similar to Figure 2 which includes an evaporator;

Figure 4a illustrates an embodiment of this invention similar to Figure 4 which includes a compressor;

Figure 5 illustrates an embodiment similar to Figure 2 wherein a high-boiling bottom product is taken off from the column via a side off-take and a bottom stream is recirculated in an enrichment section of the column at a location which contains (as shown in Figure 2) the three uppermost plates and would be onto an uppermost plate; and

Figure 6 illustrates an embodiment of the invention similar to Figures 2 and 5 wherein a high-boiling bottom product is taken off from the column via a side off-take and a bottom stream which has been depleted in high boilers is recirculated to an enrichment section of the column at a location which contains (as shown in Figure 2) the three uppermost plates and would be onto an uppermost plate.

#### DETAILED DESCRIPTION